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Shawnee Clinic Opening Soon!

New Shawnee Clinic located in Building #17 is in its final stage of providing quality health services to our tribal members. The Shawnee Clinic will provide x-ray & lab services, immunizations, as well as routine medical care with specialty providers in the near future.

Here is the address and new telephone numbers:

Shawnee Clinic

2029 South Gordon Cooper Dr.

Shawnee, Ok 74801

Shawnee Clinic: (405) 878-5850 Fax: (405) 214-4227

Absentee Shawnee Pharmacy: (405) 878-5859

We apologize for not being able to announce the Dedication Ceremony for the new tribal clinic that took place on Saturday, March 11th.

Tribal Members:

Vote for the candidate of your choice on March 18, 2006!

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TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	1-877-878-4702
or	1-877-878-4716
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
AST Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

The following sixteen candidates have filed for office in the upcoming Primary Election to be held on:

Saturday, March 18, 2006.

Office of Lt. Governor

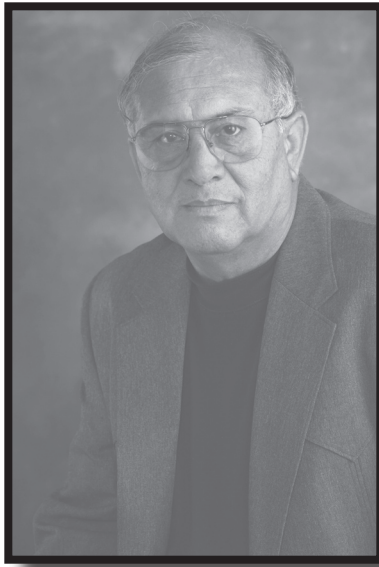
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| • Kevin M. Ellis | • Glenn Mann, Sr. |
| • Scott Miller | • Brian K. Watson |
| • Leroy Ellis | • John Al Little Axe |

Office of Treasurer

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| • Ewell Longhorn | • Darrell E. Longhorn |
| • Steve Johnson | • Greg D. Watson |

Office of Representative

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| • Lisa Frazier | • Andrew Warrior |
| • Rick Little Axe, Sr. | • Cynthia Carpenter |
| • Michael Deer | • Darlene Perryman |



Governor Larry Nuckolls

March 2006 Report

I would like to start my report to our members by stating that since taking the office of Governor, seven (7) months ago, I have witnessed and discovered many things and have waited to report the activities until conclusions of the matters so they are not just speculations or rumors.

I would first like to start by clarifying a statement made by Treasurer Ellis in last month's paper. He stated that the last per cap payment to our members were illegal and not according to the approved BIA distribution plan governed by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR'S). In fact, this distribution was legal in every respect. It is very interesting that Mr. Ellis, would attack a legal distribution to all members when he openly and brazenly participated in and orchestrated several per cap payments prior to the last distribution, which were and are in violation of some of the very regulation he lists. This payment was discussed and decided by the Executive Committee in an open meeting, which Mr. Ellis chose not to attend.

This last payment did not rely on gaming revenues and thus was not governed by the BIA/NIGC Regulations. The funding came from

the Tecumseh Square Operating Investment Account which had enough funds to make payments to the members and still have funds to pay current operating expenses.

The Executive Committee is required to act through resolutions and passed by majority vote when it come to expenditures of your money to assure accountability. Had Mr. Ellis, chosen to follow his duties and responsibilities as an elected official, he would have attended the Executive Committee Meetings over the last seven (7) months, (he has only attended three (3) since June, 2005) participated in discussions and exercised his duty to vote, he would be fully informed. Mr. Ellis simply lied in his accusations and insinuations that the distribution was made by me and Lt. Governor Miller as this decision was made by the Executive Committee by resolution.

We were facing a decision on how and when can we make these payments without it possibly affecting our federal dollars that we currently receive and how it could effect any federal funding in the future. Congress for years has watched all the Tribes and asking what are Tribes making from their Casinos and other enterprises. There is a current belief in Congress that we just give away the profits from our gaming. This gives a reason or reasons to reduce the Tribes federal funding (IHS/Health Care, BIA/Social Services, all federal grants, etc.) in the immediate future. Again, if Mr. Ellis attended meetings, he would have known of these issues and he could have had input into the decisions. The Executive Committee as a whole know that the federal funding needs to be protected. We will be reviewing any future distribution and I believe that these payments will continue, but they may have to be in another form rather than a per cap payment. With this knowledge that each member of the Executive Committee had, we looked for other areas as sources for these

payments and this is why Tecumseh Square was used as the source of revenue for the per cap payments.

We also discussed at these meetings the issue of how the 0 to 17 year olds could have their money invested and the best way in order that they could have their proper share in the future. We looked at it from several angles such as do we establish separate trust accounts for each member or would it be better to do one trust account in order to draw the most interest rate for the benefit to the children. Finance was asked to contact the investment firm that we have our investments with to set this account up with the intention that these monies be protected for our children in the future. Again the Treasurer was absent from these very important meetings.

With the assistance of the Attorney General's Office laws to comply with the CFR's governing minor children were added or changed to meet the requirements to issue these and future payments to this age group. To assure that if a children needed their payments for special reasons before attaining the age of eighteen, they could asked the Court for payment.

Mr. Ellis, also stated that the Casino revenue was only 50% of what the tribe was receiving before I took office. I will answer this by the numbers collected from out tax commission. In 2004, the Tribe's revenue collections was around seven million dollars and 2005 the Tribe collected over **EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS.** If his statement was true we could not have had an increase in tax collections alone of over one million dollars more than the year before. In addition, when I was elected, the Casino had not paid it's vendor bills for the first quarter of 2005, these monies that were not paid to the vendors was used by the Treasurer to pay a per cap right before last years election without Executive Committee approval. We paid these past due

bills and still the revenues continued to increase, not decreased as the Treasurer would like for you to believe. I hope this answers the questions that has arisen from the Treasurer's report this past month.

Mr. Ellis latest remarks are concerning a retirement fund that the Executive Committee has looked at. If Ellis would report to work he would have had the knowledge regarding this fund. The Finance Department looked into a deferred income retirement fund for the members of the Executive Committee and it is a fund that if each member wanted he or she would have part of their salary placed into this fund and have it when he or she retires. The funds were transferred to these accounts and if a member wanted to have this deferred retirement fund, the amounts would then have been deducted from their salary. It was a deferred income fund that each member would contributed to and after reviewing this with the investment managers it is my belief that no members of the Executive Committee will be participating in this fund and since no members decided to have this retirement fund and have it deducted from their salary all monies were transferred back into our general fund account. These funds never left the Tribe and if a member decides to invest into this deferred income retirement fund in the future, then that member will have to pay for it through his or her salary as it was contemplated to do.

Now I will begin with what I have uncovered and discovered these past seven months. I will begin with the duties of the Treasurer and the finance department under the direction of the Treasurer. The Constitution at Article XIII –DUTIES OF OFFICERS at Section 4. The Treasurer it states on line four All expenditures shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Executive Committee before payment.

It also states that "the Executive Committee shall render in writing such approval or disapproval that shall be maintained as a permanent part of the bookkeeping record, the Treasurer shall, upon receipt of written approval (resolution), be authorized to sign checks or otherwise make payment on behalf of the tribe."

The Constitution states that the Executive Committee conducts all its business activities by resolution. Both executive and legislative resolutions are done in official duly called meetings of the Executive Committee and passed by majority vote. I have discovered is that the Treasurer has transacted several expenditures and there is no resolution by the Executive Committee approving them. In addition there was no approved budget for these expenditures. These unauthorized transactions total more than six million dollars of your money. These expenditures include contracts with a local attorney for over \$100,000.00 over a two year period, for which there is no invoice showing services rendered or other accounting; purchase of several pieces of property, one or more of which was appraised by one of his relatives for a fee, and one of which is so contaminated that it is virtually unuseable for any purpose except to demonstrate how to clean up contamination. All of these properties were purchased at prices which are obviously above market value. None of these purchases were approved by resolution prior to purchase as required by the Constitution at Article XIII Section 4.

One of the purchases involved secret wire transfers of large amounts of money to a non tribal company and several highly suspicious actions which resulted in our purchase of about 60 acres of land. An evaluation by a tribal member showed that the bank, which we also bought only had a mortgage on 2 of these sixty acres, in an amount in excess of \$350,000.00. We paid over

\$550,000.00 for the property, which the bank received approximately \$350,000.00, which could have been recovered in any event. In effect, we paid over \$550,000.00 for what we already had an ownership interest, approximately \$350,000.00 of which we gave to our own bank in Calumet.

Mr. Ellis, was also responsible for gross mismanagement pertaining to the federally chartered Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA). Mr. Ellis had himself appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors and proceeded to run the operation without any legal authority. He totally failed to follow the Federal Charter governing the Board of Directors and the Authority. He hired a so called Chief Executive Officer and through him and in other manners squandered approximately \$700,000.00 of your money in deals with one of his pals relating to the manufacture of clothing.

Mr. Ellis transferred several hundred thousand dollars illegally (including federal health care monies) to other entities for the purposes of making their financial picture appear very good, when in fact, the entities had no money at all. After having completed the deception, he illegally transferred at least some of the funds back to the Tribe to finish the deception.

In addition in 2004, Mr. Ellis, under his direction lost an arbitrators decision to an architect on the Earlsboro project for his displeasure of the architect and the Tribe had to pay \$506,000.00 to this firm in damages caused by him. There was no resolution passed to pay this amount and the Treasurer paid it without getting a resolution in this amount.

During this same time frame as some of you are aware of, Mr. Ellis entered into contracts with Gary Green, then General Manager at Thunderbird to provide consulting services to our Casino. Mr. Ellis, used tribal time, stationary, employees, postage and other

services to perform the so called consultations, which were mostly duties which the Treasurer or other Tribal official would have performed. These contracts were paid, at Mr. Ellis' request to himself and were not approved again by the Executive Committee by resolution. Mr. Ellis received approximately \$35,000.00 of your money for these contracts over a time frame of approximately 7 months.

I have brought these questionable activities and others to the Executive Committee attention and they have authorized by resolution that grants me the authority to have these expenditures audited. As I move forward I will be seeking an outside and independent accounting firm with no ties to the tribe to review these activities and as the progress develops I will keep the membership informed.

The Executive Committee and I have made every attempt to have accountability since the time that I have been Governor. I have discovered that the Finance Department without a full time Treasurer lacks leadership and direction. I have taken steps to insure that our requisition system is fully followed. Since I have taken office I discovered our finance office has not followed this system in years and credit cards (over 40 employees could use cards without requisitions being approved first) are abused and this is being addressed. I have notified the Members of the Executive Committee concerning this situation and they are in agreement with me and I have sent memorandums to all departments to correct these problems.

As we become aware of other expenditures such as these mentioned above it will be provided to appropriate federal authorities (some have already been turned over to proper federal authorities) if necessary and we anticipate that further action will be taken. With any findings from the

special audit is discovered, these to will be turned over to the proper authorities. It is unfortunate that these type of action takes time. We will see results in the future, but we must be patient and let all the legal system prevail. I will keep you informed as information is available. ■

New Media Coordinator

Hello, My name is Sharon Shawnee and I am the new Media Coordinator. I am a tribal member, I have 15 years of printing experience and I am very happy to be working for our tribe. The Media Department will continue producing and distributing the newsletter and we have plans in expanding and providing printing for the tribal campus. Please feel free to contact me at extension #146.

*Thank you,
Sharon Shawnee*

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Housing Authority To Implement Governing Act

This Housing Act was first developed by me as the tribal Representative, then passed in 2004 and then rescinded later that year. It was again passed when taking office as the Governor. It has taken several months for our Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority to fully implement this Act. They voted this last month to completely implement this Act. This will assist the home ownership for those members that qualify. It will allow all the elderly and disabled as defined by the Act to have their home conveyed to them even if they still owe on the home. Also for those members that have made payments on the homes for fifteen years or longer will also have their homes conveyed to them as the elderly will have done for them under this Act I developed and created for the benefit for our members.

I'm currently working with the Chairman of the Housing Authority Lt. Governor Miller and Secretary Johnson on developing possibly an amendment to this Act that will allow both the Tribe and Authority to jointly start building homes in the Shawnee and LittleAxe area. Both the Authority and Tribe will need to address the funding and how best to develop this program. The model will be along the same lines as the Act and it will put the dreams of home ownership back into the minds of the membership. We have lots of members wanting and needing housing in the LittleAxe area and currently our Authority is not even providing any new homes in the Shawnee area.

I will report on the developments as they happened and it is my desire that we can have this done as soon as possible.



Lt. Governor Scott Miller

Lieutenant Governor's March 2006 Report

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fi ho wa se li si mi mo?

Greetings to all, I hope all is well with you and your families this month. I would like to start by informing tribal members of a few administrative changes as of March 2, 2006. The Executive Committee has passed a new organizational chart giving each Executive Committee member authority and oversight of assigned programs. The Lieutenant Governor's Office has retained Child Care, Title VI, and Cultural/Historical Preservation and incurred oversight of Gaming and Management Information Systems. I know there are concerns whether the casino is making a profit or not, if you will refer to the tax table located inside each of our monthly newspapers; this will give you a better idea of how much money Thunderbird is bringing in. The tax collected from Thunderbird and other areas is what the tribe gets to operate day-to-day functions and fund unsubsidized programs.

The Executive Committee has passed resolution E-AS-2006-14 to accept an offer by Coldwell Banker for a third party to purchase the 60 acres in El Reno for the amount of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00). It is my feelings that the tribe should sell this property due to the fact that we have no know plans for development, the liability of the property being in a distant township, paying property tax, and the burden of maintaining the upkeep of this property. The money used to purchase this property could have benefited tribal members through social programs and health care, it is disappointing that tribal members had to a back seat to this purchase.

As Chairman of the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to announce the Absentee Shawnee Housing Act will be a reality. Before this act can be implemented, policy and guidelines must be developed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners and the staff of the ASHA is working quickly to have the policy for the Board's review. I know many Absentee Shawnee tribal members who have a home with the ASHA are anticipating this act, but we must have a policy in place first and your patients are greatly appreciated. The overall goal of the Absentee Shawnee Housing Act is for our tribal members to achieve the dream of owning a home and this act helps that dream become a reality.

Now in conclusion and in response to last months Treasurer's article, it is unfortunate that Treasurer Russell Ellis has to take a

positive initiative for our tribal children to include them in December's per cap and turn it into a political tool, especially two months after the fact. I find it to be a gross incompetence and disservice to the tribal people to unnecessarily place fear in you that your child or grandchild will not receive their rightful share of per capita monies by not finding out the facts before printing his article. Treasurer Ellis has had numerous opportunities to inquire about the resolution, as well as other resolutions and issues. He has chosen to be a non participant by not attending Committee meetings. The people elected him to show up for meetings regardless how he may feel on a personal level of others. There is still a job to be done. I hope in these last few months of Treasurer Ellis' elected term there are more positive and proactive actions for the benefit of the tribal people. ■

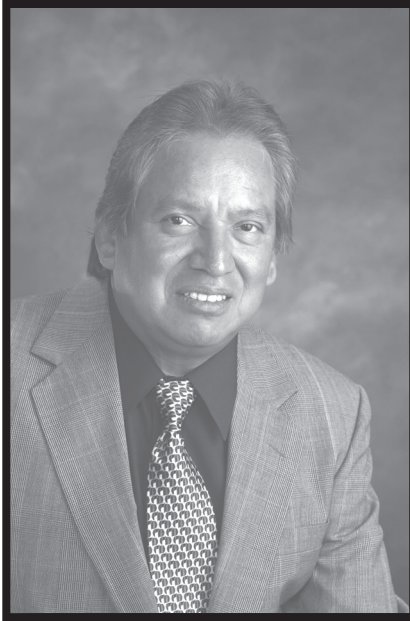
Si li no ke ka no la Ne yi wa!

Attention:

All Tribal Elders
Reminder to all Elders of the
next meeting.
Tecumseh Square
Saturday
March 18th, 2006
10:00 a.m.

Voting on Guideline changes.

Come join us, we will be having
mexican dinner, Bingo and
cakewalk.



Secretary Steve Johnson

Secretary's Report March 2006

I hope this report finds all of you in good health and spirits.

Almost immediately after the passage of the Absentee-Shawnee Housing Act, several eligible tribal members contacted this office requesting documentation required by the Absentee-Shawnee Housing Authority and the Tribe, that follows the mandate of the Housing Act, which will result in the eligible tribal members owning their homes. Knowing that you will be living in a home that is yours, must be a gratifying feeling. Please remember that you will be responsible for your home owners insurance and property taxes.

A P.L. 93-638 Self-Determination Proposal for Design was submitted to the Southern Plains Regional Office on January 30, 2006. Following the submittal of the P.L. 93-638 Contract Applica-

tion, Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) were sent to several Architect and Engineering firms, regarding the planned site development of the 33 Areas located at Benson Park Road and 13th Street, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. This office is working side-by-side with the Governor, OEHE and the Housing Authority in the development of this project. This office is responsible for the procurement of funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the design and construction of the streets, curbs, guttering, sidewalks, parking, lighting, water/wastewater design and any other roads related activities that might come up.

Applicants who are interested in the grass mowing services need to complete an application and submit it to the Maintenance Department, so a schedule can be developed before spring gets here. Spring is going to be a very busy time for maintenance personnel; your cooperation in submitting your requests in a timely manner will definitely help us with our planning.

Many of the surveys that were sent to those of you who signed in at the October General Council have been completed and returned to my office. The surveys have been reviewed and I have given a lot of thought to your responses. If you received a blank survey and haven't returned it, I'm still interested in what you have to say. If you have the time, hopefully you will complete the survey and return it to my office.

I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Cleona Mann.

As always, I invite you to call me, drop by or e-mail me at sjohnson@asribe.com if you have issues or ideas that you would like to discuss. ■

/s/

Steve Johnson

AST DRIVEWAY REPAIR PROGRAM

Since the beginning of the year the AST Driveway Repair Program has repaired drives for the following Tribal Members: Elsie Patty, Roy Kaseca, Amy Hilderbrand, George Thorpe and Edwin Thorpe.

Driveways are selected in groups of four (4). The four driveways that have been selected to be repaired next are John Sloat, Marilyn Appleman, Dina Bread, Webster Little Jim and James Little Jim.

If you are interested in driveway repair please contact the Secretary's office.
Thank you.

/s/

Steve Johnson
Tribal Secretary

LEASE & RENTAL OF TRIBALLY OWNED FACILITIES:

Horseshoe Bend, Little Axe Community Center, Tecumseh Square, Little Axe Resource Center and Brendle Corner.

Scheduling the above-mentioned facilities and paying rental fees and deposits are now being handles through the Tribe's Realty Department. Please contact Sheila Johnson @ (405) 275-4030, Ext 127



Treasurer Russell Ellis



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF
THE TREASURER
MARCH 2006**

A "Special Retirement" account was opened in December 2005 with a transfer from the General Fund of \$32,545.66 to Merrill Lynch. Resolution E-AS-2005-69 dated August 17, 2005 prohibits transfers from Absentee Shawnee accounts without a resolution from the Executive Committee.

Resolution E-AS-2005-69 reads as follows:

"A Resolution duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma prohibiting the transfer of funds by any means from Tribal accounts to the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc., any other Economic Development Authority, any Consultant, or person or firm on retainer or recurring consultant fee, including businesses

operating under the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc., or other non Absentee Shawnee Tribal Entity or Authority without a resolution from the Executive Committee approving said transfer."

ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) states guidelines for employers providing retirement plans. Every retirement plan must have a "Plan Document" stating plan benefits and requirements or rules the plan must follow and the plan is bound by the terms of the written Plan Document.

AS A MINIMUM, A PLAN DOCUMENT MUST ADDRESS:

- A Plan Trustee (the institution that will track the funds).
- A Plan Administrator (entity who tracks the individuals enrolled in the plan).
- The Company's Plan Administer who signs documents authorizing activity for individuals enrolled in the plan.
- Employee contribution percentages allowed and annual limits.
- Employer matching contribution percentages.
- At what point are enrolled members fully vested detailing when enrollee may have full ownership of all funds contributed including Employer match.
- Qualifying events for withdrawals without penalties.
- Loan details for borrowing from retirement account such as borrowing limits and interest rates, payments and loan due dates.
- Choices for investments.
- Waiting periods for enrollment into the plan.

There is no Plan Document for this "Special Retirement" account and therefore it does not comply with ERISA and does not address any benefits or requirements of the afore mentioned account. This "Special Retirement" account list only the Executive Committee members as participants. As elected Tribal Treasurer, I have declined my portion of this retirement fund and requested the funds held in my name be returned to the Tribe's general fund. ■

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK
Notice
Of Interest to serve on
Commissions, Committees or
Boards**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK Executive Committee will be accepting requests to fill the vacancies that exist on committees, commissions or boards.

If you are a tribal member, 18 years of age or older, and wish to apply to serve on any committee, commission and or board please complete the information form below, attach a resume' and submit both to the Governor's Office, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Name: _____
Roll #: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____

I wish to be considered to serve on: _____
Submitted by: _____
Date: _____



**Representative
Leroy Ellis**

REPRESENTATIVES REPORT MARCH 2006

I recently attended my first Elders Council meeting as a member. While sitting among those who were in attendance, I reflected back to the first meeting I attended back in 1990 as an Executive Committee member. The Elders Council did not have officers as they do today, in the beginning there were four Representatives selected by the Elders Council from among their group. These Representatives were the contact persons for the elders and it was their job to keep abreast of what was happen

ing in the community. Problems they saw or were told about was collected and then passed on to the Executive Committee. It was not as formal as it is today, but then again it was something new for this tribe and it was thought that in its early years that things should be kept as uncomplicated as possible. After all, it was created so that everyone would come together and have some fun. And we did have some fun and we did eat. I remember that old Don Coley kept everyone fed pretty well during those early years. The elders were very active and could be counted on to help sack candy along with wrapping presents for the Children's Christmas Party. I can still see them, along with other volunteers, sitting on the floor of building number one wrapping approximately 300 presents. I remember the elders also exchanged gifts during Christmas as well as sharing a great Christmas dinner. Many of those who participated in the Elders Council in those early years are no longer with us, but many who did are still participating. I look forward to our next meeting and many others after that. There is an old say that goes, "If you don't use it, you may lose it". The funding level of today for the Elders Council is less than the funding level of the early years! If you are 55 and over please attend and support the Elders Council.

As always tribes are facing cuts from the federal level that may continue well into the next decade. It seems that the President and the Republican led congress are trying to slow down a runaway federal deficit. While at the same time certain members of congress, like Senator McCain, continue their attacks on tribal gaming revenues. At the state level don't forget the state Governor's race, which will have a dramatic impact on Oklahoma tribe's, if Istook is elected. We, the Absentee Shawnee tribal members can make a difference in Oklahoma to our benefit and our grandchildren's, if we get out and participate. The tribes, who were victimized by the lobbyist Jack Abramoff, have cause congress to react by proposing legislation. That legislation would limit the tribes' ability to compete with other special interest groups. This means that the tribes, who have the means to lobby congress and might influence the future of tribal policies, need special legislation as they could potentially influence elections. This is too threatening for the politicians to ignore. As tribes become more influential more and more legislation will be developed to limit that influence. It is has happened in the past, it is happening in the present and it will continue to happen in the future.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office and I will gladly answer your questions. ■

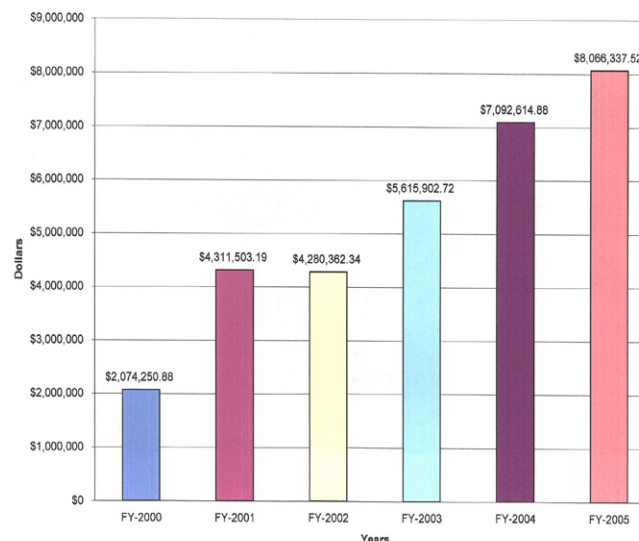
**FY-2006
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS**
(thru 2/28/06)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$52,640.90	\$20,970.64	\$73,611.54	5.61%
Gaming (6%)(23%)	\$645,962.05	\$540,968.67	\$1,186,930.72	90.49%
Employee (1%)	\$12,834.53	\$9,323.65	\$22,158.18	1.69%
Severance (8%)	\$1,730.40	\$3,750.66	\$5,481.06	0.42%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,820.35	\$11,349.46	\$23,169.81	1.77%
Miscellaneous	\$145.00	\$120.00	\$265.00	0.02%
TOTAL TRIBAL TAXES & FEES	\$725,133.23	\$586,483.08	\$1,311,616.31	100%
State Compact Fees	\$12,145.23	\$0.00	\$12,145.23	
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$737,278.46	\$586,483.08	\$1,323,761.54	

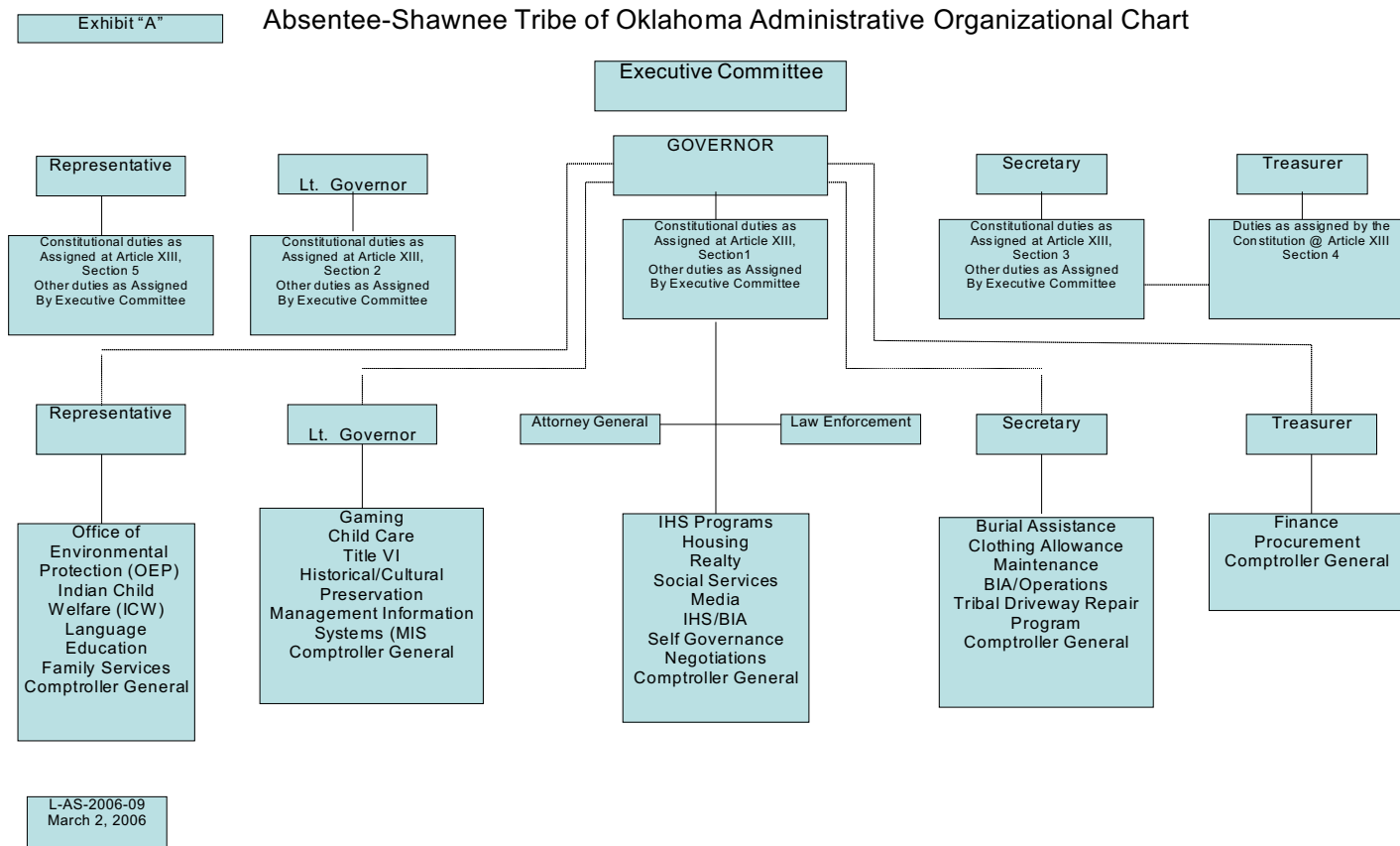
NOTE:

- State/Tribal Gaming Compact expires 1/1/2010.
- Gaming includes Casino Machines, Blackjack, and Poker.
- Blackjack began 1/27/05; Poker began 4/11/05.
- Gaming Tax amended to assess 6% on Machines Currency Drop, 23% on Blackjack Net Win (Pool), and 23% on Poker Rake, effect 10/7/05 (Reso LAS-2005-43).

FY-2000 thru FY-2005 Tax Revenue



I had presented this organization chart to the members of the Executive Committee and they have approved this chart. It gives day to day oversight to the various programs here at the tribe. I've had this oversight the past seven months and with the experience from serving the tribe for four terms as the Governor of our tribe and prior to taking office this my fifth term, I felt that the programs were at a point that they should be distributed to the various Committee members. Some still need to be worked on for the benefit for our members and I look forward to assisting the Committee members in the future development of these programs. If you have a problem or concern please contact the Executive Committee member that has direct lines of authority over these various programs in the future.



AST TAX REVENUE COLLECTED

Run Date:
03/08/2006

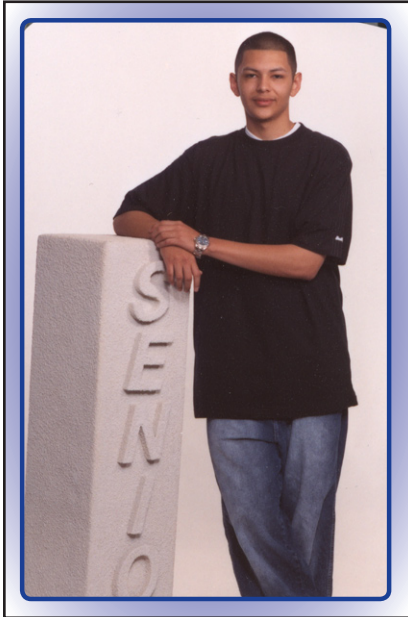
	FY-2000	FY-2001	FY-2002	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005	Tax Category Totals	% of Total Collected
Beverage	\$28,922.63	\$6,069.41	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	\$34,992.04	0.11%
Smokeless	\$16,805.07	\$1,342.45	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	\$18,147.52	0.06%
Cigarette	\$205,746.00	\$10,178.40	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	\$215,924.40	0.69%
Sales	\$20,959.24	\$364,803.15	\$375,753.56	\$445,182.67	\$397,080.92	\$528,660.45	\$2,132,439.99	6.78%
Bingo/Gaming	\$1,604,791.03	\$3,692,505.36	\$3,649,326.08	\$4,908,322.07	\$6,437,491.86	\$7,236,033.19	\$27,528,469.59	87.56%
Employee	\$51,589.06	\$91,055.26	\$90,135.71	\$115,367.80	\$119,078.64	\$140,976.73	\$608,203.20	1.93%
Beer	\$6,416.93	\$431.14	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	\$6,848.07	0.02%
Oil & Gas	\$25,572.95	\$22,504.78	\$18,557.84	\$21,333.15	\$22,851.01	\$31,153.30	\$141,973.03	0.45%
Fuel	\$12,366.04	\$885.21	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	\$13,251.25	0.04%
Mv	\$99,428.93	\$120,259.03	\$130,920.01	\$123,274.68	\$114,042.45	\$126,426.85	\$714,351.95	2.27%
Misc	\$1,653.00	\$1,469.00	\$15,669.14	\$2,422.35	\$2,070.00	\$3,087.00	\$26,370.49	0.08%
Yr Totals	\$2,074,250.88	\$4,311,503.19	\$4,280,362.34	\$5,615,902.72	\$7,092,614.88	\$8,066,337.52	\$31,440,971.53	100.00%
							5 Year Total	

Note:

The past five years have been good years for *Gaming Tax* from Thunderbird Casino, especially the more recent three years. With modernization of the gaming industry and sound management practice, we should not experience a slow down. The exception to this could possibly come as a result of over saturation of gaming and an overall dwindling economy, which would effect all gaming properties not only the Thunderbird Casino. During the past twenty years, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has received \$41,659,947.54 in tax revenue; and \$31,440,971.53 in the last five years, of which 87.5% (or \$27,528,969.59) was from gaming.

Happy Birthday to all Tribal Members born in March!

Editor's Note: Because of Privacy Issues and Potential Identity Theft, we can no longer print a list of Birthdays each month.



Happy Birthday Leonard
Love you,
Edwina & Josh

Happy 1st Belated Birthday
Rodney Shane
Grandma & Grandpa Pickering
Auntie Tammy & Derek
Big Brothers Laurel & Doyle



Happy Birthday!

**Kylie Yates
Everett Tahah**

From the Whole Family!!

*Happy Birthday
Josh Gibson
We are proud of you
Love ya,
Leonard & Mom*

*Happy Birthday
Stewart Rollette
From
Grandma Butler*

*To my sister,
Gertrude Spybuck Pickering
I wish you a Happy Birthday
and many, many more.*

*We All Love You,
Your sister, Sadie
your neices, Sherrie, Jiliyan
& BJ
&
nephew Justin*

*Happy Birthday Mother
You're the greatest
Tammy Gayle & Vikki Dawn*

From The Mann Family

We would like to take this time to thank all the many, many relatives and friends who helped us in our time of sorrow. Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, hugs, cards, flowers, home-cooked food and groceries among the other things that we didn't think of. A special thanks to Uncle Wiley Little Creek for officiating and Uncle Delbert Gibson for being by his side to help him. And a thanks to Cooper Funeral Home. Again, thank you all for being there for us and Cleona, who was a mom, wife, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, close friend, class-mate.....she is missed very, very, very much.

We love you and miss you, Mom!

We would like to apologize for any photos, birthdays or announcements that were submitted but not published in this issue. If you want them published in the next issue, please contact me at (405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or email them to me at mediadept@astribe.com.

*Thank you,
Media*

Obituary

Cleona (Gibson) Mann

Little Axe resident Cleona (Gibson) Mann, 72, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2006 at her home. She was born February 20, 1933, in Little Axe to Willie and Sally Bob Gibson. Where she spent most of her life. She attended Little Axe and Pawnee Indian School (Gravy U). On October 18, 1955, she married Melvin Johnny Mann in Little Axe and on October 18, 2005 she celebrated their 50th anniversary.

She worked at a dry cleaners and retired some years ago. She served on the Elders Council and NAGRPA Program of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and was a member of the Native American Church and of the Linney Dance Ground in Little Axe. She also was active in various Tribal Ceremonies. Preceding her in death were her parents: a sister, Offie Gibson, two brother, Richard and Marvin Gibson and a son, Johnny Mann, Jr. Survivors include her husband, Melvin Johnny Mann of the home; three daughters, Sally Mann, Wanda Shopteese and Vera Gibson, all of Little Axe; six sons, Glenn Mann, Sr. of Choctaw, Cecil Mann of Little Axe, John Edward Mann of Shawnee, twins Richard Mann and Raymond Mann of Norman, Jimmy Gibson of Little Axe; 16 Grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Isaac Gibson of Little Axe, Delbert Gibson of Sapulpa and Harvey Gibson of Tonkawa.

Services were at the family home and she was laid to rest at the Absentee Shawnee Burial Grounds in Little Axe, under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home.

Early Allowance\$. . . Money Doesn't Grow on Trees

Learning how to manage money is an important life skill for children. Simple allowances during the early years can help children learn this essential skill.

Early allowance stage:

- Consider the age of your child, weekly needs and activities in determining amount of allowance. Most first graders are ready for a small allowance. Don't worry about what the child next door is getting.
- Help your child plan how he might want to use his money.
- Avoid tying allowance into routine chores; children need to learn the importance of taking on family responsibilities without pay. However, it is okay to pay children for special chores.
- If your child is about to make poor choices in spending his money, explain why it might not be wise, but then let him make the final decision and hopefully learn from the experience.
- Limit allowance period to no longer than one week.
- Avoid rescuing if your child spends his allowance too quickly and asks for more.
- Model price comparisons, wise spending and saving.

Parenting *Quick Tips*

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Children Are Precious Cargo!



Every year hundreds of children die or are injured from car accidents, being left unattended in cars, and playing in unlocked cars. Protect your child by:

- Never leaving your child unattended in a car, especially during warm weather. (It takes only minutes for cars to reach deadly temperatures of up to 170 degrees.)
- Always checking to make sure sleeping children are out of the car when you reach your destination
- Teaching children not to play in, on, or around cars
- Keeping car doors and trunks locked at all times, even at home
- Keeping car keys out of children's reach
- Using approved and properly fitted car seats
- Requiring seat belts at all times
- Checking to be sure metal buckles and other equipment aren't excessively hot before buckling children into car seats and seat belts
- Teaching children not to distract the driver (quiet voices, no throwing toys, etc.)
- Driving carefully at all times



Play it safe and protect precious lives!

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2006

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

NO. E-AS-2006-08

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING HAILEY NICOLE MACK, KAYLEE JEAN LITTLE AXE, ARIANA NICOLE SPOON AND NIKOLAI WILLIAM MORRIS AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
WHEREAS, the following individuals have applied for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

NAME OF ENROLLEE	DOB	DEGREE OF BLOOD
Hailey Nicole Mack	10/25/2005	1/4
Kaylee Jean Little Axe	04/05/2005	1/2
Ariana Nicole Spoon	11/01/2005	1/4
Nikolai William Morris	08/01/2005	1/4

WHEREAS, the above-named individuals have satisfactorily met the Constitutional enrollment requirements of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe; and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that, research has been conducted, and to the best of our knowledge, these individuals are not enrolled with another tribe; and
WHEREAS, the appropriate documentation required for this action is on file in the Enrollment section of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary's office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby approves and accepts the above named individuals as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve A. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-08 to be a true and

exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2006 there being a quorum present by a vote of: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes; Secretary Johnson: Yes; Treasurer Ellis: Absent; Representative Ellis: Yes; Governor Nuckolls vote, if required: N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-09

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AND THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE 33 ACRES OF TRUST LAND.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agree to cooperatively pursue the development of thirty-three (33) acres of Absentee Shawnee Trust land, located in Tecumseh, in order to provide a community-based center that will include housing for low-income, elderly, and disabled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members, and resource buildings designed to supply support services to those elderly and disabled residents; and

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WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority will provide the necessary funding for the utilities, defined specifically as sewer and water; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will be responsible for the total planning and development of this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, in the form attached hereto as exhibit A, pertaining to the development of 33 acres of Trust land.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-09 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on February 17, 2006, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Miller: Yes, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Russell Ellis: Absent, Representative Leroy Ellis: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-10

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AS THE OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO MAKE ANY AND ALL DECISIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND/OR DRAWDOWNS FROM TRIBAL TRUST ACCOUNTS THAT ARE MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and
 WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and
 WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and
 WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and
 WHEREAS, it is the fiduciary responsibility of the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to insure that all monetary assets are maintained and dealt with in a safe and proper manner, and
 WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma finds that the Governor is the highest ranking official of the Tribe, and
 WHEREAS, the Governor should be the authorized official regarding financial decisions concerning the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's funds that are maintained by the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Governor of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as the official delegate to make any and all decisions regarding financial information and/or drawdowns from Tribal Trust Accounts that are Maintained by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-10 to be a true and

exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on February 17, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: Yes, Secretary: Yes, Treasurer: Absent, Representative: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

NO. E-AS-2006-11

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PROGRAM ENTITLED "TWO STARS TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM".

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and
 WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and
 WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and
 WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and
 WHEREAS, primary purpose of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Youth Program is to reduce, control and prevent crime and delinquency, both by and against tribal youth; to provide interventions for court-involved tribal youth; and to provide prevention programs focusing on alcohol and drugs; and
 WHEREAS, the Tribal Youth Program Mental Health Initiative was established by the Department of Justice to promote mental health and substance abuse services for American Indian youth, and to support juvenile delinquency prevention and interventions efforts by creating and implementing culturally sensitive mental health programs; and
 WHEREAS, in response to the Notice of Funding Availability, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe is submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and

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WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, in order to continue its growth and prosperity, has an inherent responsibility to its youth to offer guidance as well as programs that will meet their needs; and
 WHEREAS, the high incidence of juvenile delinquency involving alcohol and drugs is intolerable and unacceptable to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe; and
 WHEREAS, the Tribe will develop and implement a culturally sensitive Tribal Youth Program for the prevention of crime and delinquency, both by and against tribal youth, and provide prevention and intervention programs for court involved youth; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma fully supports the application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, for the "Two Stars Tribal Youth Program".

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2006-11 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on February 17, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: Yes, Secretary: Yes, Treasurer: Absent, Representative: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 17, 2006

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

NO. L-AS-2006-05

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE LINE ITEM IN THE 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SAID LINE ITEM FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and
WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in August 1988, and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and
WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has determined that the Education Department is in need of re-establishing the Secondary Educational Expense line item and appropriating the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars to said line item from the General Fund to provide Secondary School assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee hereby approves and authorizes the re-establishment of the Secondary Educational Expense line item and the appropriation from the General Fund.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves and authorizes the re-establishment of the Secondary Educational Expense line item in the 2006 General Fund Budget of the Education Department and appropriating the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars to the said line item from the General Fund.

CERTIFICATION

We, Larry Nuckolls, Governor and Steve Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2006-05 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on February 17, 2006, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor: Yes, Secretary: Yes, Treasurer: Absent, Representative: Yes, Governor(s) vote, if required, N/A.

FREE TAX CLINIC

The Tribe will host Oklahoma Indian Legal Services providing the **FREE TAX CLINIC**. Listed below are the dates and locations for the 2005 tax year to be held in February and March 2006.

AST COMPLEX, BUILDING # 1 SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th, 2006
THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd, 2006
THURSDAY, MARCH 30th, 2006
FRIDAY, MARCH 31st, 2006
THURSDAY, APRIL 6th, 2006
FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2006

LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th, 2006
FRIDAY, MARCH 24th, 2006

The **free** clinics will start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. We will have two volunteers each day to assist with tax preparation and electronically file taxes. Please see the ad elsewhere in this newspaper giving instructions concerning what documents are necessary to bring to your **free** tax filing.

Services Available to Tribal Members

Contract Health Services

- Available to **Enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members**
 - Assist tribal members in attaining the highest level of health and well-ness through cost effective health care
 - Guidelines were established by the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Board
 - All tribal members **MUST UPDATE** every 6 months
 - Referrals or "Coordination of Benefits" (COB) are made to eligible tribal members for care that cannot be attained at the clinic level
 - Referrals are made at the tribal members request when the tribal member has insurance
 - Uninsured tribal members require a referral from one of our physicians
 - The physician will request a COB from contract health
 - The tribal member must also notify contract health that a COB is needed
 - Every physicians' visit must have a COB
 - Tribal members are encouraged to call **48 HOURS** before appointments
- Emergency Room Visits**
- Everyone must triage at the following phone number 447-0300
 - If approved go to the specified emergency room or in case of emergency room visit everyone must report visit to contract health with in **72 Hour** of the ER visit

For more information call **Contract Health**
 AST Complex Building #16
 (405) 878-4702 or 1-888-878-4702
 Office hours: Monday thru Friday
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Darlene Perryman – Director
 Augustine Johnson – Office Manager

Community Health Nursing Program

Community Health Nursing service are provided in the tribal members home and community by the staff of Licensed Practical Nurses. The program is preventive in nature and is not designed nor equipped for long term care. The nurse visits the tribal member in the home to monitor, assess and document their health status; provide skilled nursing services; promote preventive health measures by providing health education and to follow up on tribal members referred to the program by physicians. The Community Health Nurse ensures that the plan of care consistently reflects current health problems, interventions, expected outcomes, the appropriateness of the level of care, and frequency of home visits. The nurse utilizes the five step nursing process of assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, intervention, and evaluation to formulate the patient plan of care. As much as possible the nurse works from a schedule of daily (if ordered by a physician), weekly, monthly, or quarterly home visits. The majority of home visits are determined by communication between the health program case manager and the nursing program. The frequency of home visits is related to acuity levels, history of complications, patients at high risk, and/or need for particular areas of health education. The program serves patients in the areas of Shawnee, Tecumseh, McLoud, Meeker, Earlsboro, Maud, Asher, Norman, Little Axe and Newalla.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Caregiver Support Program

The Caregiver Support Program is administratively located within the Community Health Nursing Program. The goal of the program is to help families who are caring ofr and older relative witha chronic illness or disability.

Cont. Caregiver Support Program

Note: The Caregiver Support Program is presently out of respite funds. We anticipate new funding April 01, 2006.

The services provided are:

- Information about services available
- Counseling, Support groups and training to help in the caregiver role.
- Assistance with other tribal, state and federal services.
- Temporary/Supplemental services on a limited basis.
- Respite (financial assistance for those who qualify).

The Caregiver Support Program contact person is:

Nancy Carpenter, Program Coordinator

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive

Shawnee, OK 74801

Telephone (405) 878-4716 Fax (405) 8788-4722



Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
Phone (405) 275-4030 Fax (405) 275-1922

ATTN: MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

GRASS MOWING APPLICATION

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CDIB: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

- 1) Must be ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBER.
- 2) Must be 55 years or older.
- 3) All trash, branches, etc., cleaned out of yard.
- 4) Must provide proof of residency.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weed eat the applicant's lawn. The Maintenance Personnel will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. or any other tasks related to the up keep of yard. No RENT HOUSE lawns will be mowed.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

****This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding****

Direct Employment Assistance

- Must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member 18 yrs. and older
- Provides financial assistance for work related items for those who have secured permanent full-time employment (i.e. Business attire, scrubs, work boots & attire, & tools, etc.) \$300.00 purchase limit
- Or provides financial assistance for those who have not received their first full pay check
- Provides a one time only gas voucher or vouchers not to exceed \$30.00 total annually

For more information stop by or call the AST Social Services Department.

AST Complex building #16

(405) 878-4702 or toll free 1-888-878-4702

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shawnee Larney - Director, Kristy Morrell - Caseworker, Shawna Spoon - Caseworker

Summer Youth

****This is not an entitlement program and is based on available funding****

Supplemental Youth Services

- Must be enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member, 14 to 21 yrs. old, residing in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, or Cleveland counties
- Provides educational stipend equal to minimum wage for each hour at a supervised training institute (i.e. Summer School, Drivers-Ed and Vo-Tech)
- Work Experience - Pays 100% of Minimum wage to participant for an 8 week period to learn basic working skills(i.e. raking, washing windows, sweeping, filing, typing, receptionist and warehouse, just to name a few)
- Support Services - Provides financial assistance for work related items (i.e. Business attire, scrubs, work boots & attire, & tools, etc.) \$300.00 purchase limit

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Promoting Safe & Stable Families

This program assists AST families in resolving crisis situations preventing out-of home placement for tribal children. Parent or child must be an enrolled AST member. Family must reside in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Lincoln counties. Assistance is limited to \$200 per family per year. There are certain requirements to participate in this program including home visits and parenting classes.

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MEDICARE PART - D

Federal Prescription Drug Plan Program

- Must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
- Must be Elder 55 year and older and/or disabled
- Provides one-on-one counseling
- Provides enrollment assistance
- Medicaid enrollment assistance available

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NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- Academic (K-12)**
- Zahn
- Job Training/Adult Education**
- Education Incentive Award
- Graduate Scholarship

**applications are being accepted for these programs but may be subject to delays/denials due to these programs not being listed in the 2006 education budget.

Attention:

Students interested in attending an accredited college or university for the spring 2006 semester need to contact the AST Education Department as soon as possible, IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a field site for the Oklahoma Money Matters (OKMM) AmeriCorps Education Award Program. We have two (2) member positions available for this grant year. At the heart of AmeriCorps, under the Corporation for National and Community Service, are members who serve with local and national organizations to meet community needs and, after their service, receive education awards to offset the expenses of a college education. In this case members will serve 300 hours in a one-year service term and after successful completion of their term will earn a \$1,000.00 education award that can be used to pay direct education expenses like tuition, room and board and repayment of student loans. Member enrollment will begin again on February 1st, 2006. Volunteers do not have to be AST tribal members, but do have to have a high school diploma or GED.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-



Line Dancing

Sessions

Every Wednesday in March
6 pm to 7 pm
AST Resource Center



Instructor: Gene Parker

For More Information or
To Reserve Your Place:
Call 364-7569 or 275-4030 ext. 213

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

AST Members Saturday, March 25 AST Members

Little Axe Resource Center
10:30a - 4:00 p

Drinks, ham and roast beef, green beans, yams, and rolls provided. *Bring a side dish or dessert.* Contact Karen Kaniatobe @ 275-4030 x 199 to sign up.

After lunch please take a moment to assist the Tribal Historic Preservation Office with the identification and location of burial sites at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Cemetery. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this essential project.

You can help in (2) two ways:

1. Identify names and locations on map. Map will be available at the LA Resource Center and at our office.
2. Contact our office and we will accompany you out to LA Cemetery to locate the site.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Cultural Preservation Department
Absentee Shawnee Tribe

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		PB & J Sandwich Crackers Peaches Salad Bar	French Bread Italian Style Veggies White Cake Salad Bar	Beans Spanish Rice Sopapilla Chips & Salsa	
5	Baked Chicken ⁶ Stuffing Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll Fruit & Fluff No Salad Bar	Ham ⁷ Scalloped Pot. Lima Beans Texas Toast Granola Bars Salad Bar	Lasagna ⁸ Tossed Dinner Salad* Lemon Pie	Salisbury Steak ⁹ Mashed Pot. Greenbeans Dinner Roll Choc. Cream Pie Salad Bar	10
12	Fried Chicken ¹³ Mashed Pot. Greenbeans Biscuit Apple Pie No Salad Bar	Title VI ¹⁴ Closed Sack lunches will be delivered on 3/13	Beans & Ham ¹⁵ Frybread Cookies Salad Bar*	Pizza ¹⁶ Salad Bar* Cherry Cheesecake	Philly Steak ¹⁷ Sandwich Curly Q Fries Jell-O Salad Bar
19	Chicken ²⁰ Broccoli Cass. Skillet Bread Pineapple Up-side Down Cake Salad Bar	Brisket ²¹ Baked Beans Boiled Pot. Roll Fruit Salad Salad Bar	Mexican Cass. ²² Custard Salad Bar*	Pork & Cabbage ²³ Au-gratin Pot. Greenbeans Cornbread Salad Bar	Chili ²⁴ Crackers Cheese Cinnamon Roll Salad Bar*
26	Stuffed Bell Pepper ²⁷ Cali. Blend Bread Stick Mixed Fruit Salad Bar*	Roast Beef ²⁸ Mashed Pot. w/ Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll Cherry Cobbler Salad Bar	Spaghetti ²⁹ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli & Chex Choc. Pudding Salad Bar	Turkey Breast ³⁰ Stuffing Mashed Pot. Greenbeans No Salad Bar Cranberry Raisin Bread	Bingo & ³¹ Breakfast 03 Shawnee Wisdom Challenge



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